SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" In reply to my question, the Hon. Minister said that my suggestion went against the very principle of co-operation. In that connexion, may I ask whether the time allowed for debtor-members of co-operative credit societies to repay their debt was not two years till recently and whether that period was not reduced to one year? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The time for repayment of debt is conditioned by the terms imposed by those who lend to the societies. Government are not responsible for it. If the hon. Member gives me specific instances where a society demands from its debtors the repayment of loan within a shorter period than that fixed for the repayment of loan by the society to the lending bank, I shall look into them."

10.40 a.m. SRI N. K. PALANISAMI :—" மத்திய சர்க்கார் விவசாய கடன் கொடுப்பதற்கு என்று 20 லட்சம் ரூபாய் இந்த சர்க்காருக்கு ஒதுக்கிவைத்திருக்கிறார்களே, இந்த 20 லட்சம் ரூபாயை வைத்துக்கொண்டு புதிய ஸொஸைட்டி ஏற்படுத்தப் போகிறார்களா அல்லது பழைய ஸொஸைட்டிக்கே இந்த ரூபாயை உபயோகப்படுத்தப்போகிறார்களா ? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" இந்தக் கேள்விக்கும் மூலக் கேள்விக்கும் என்ன சம்பந்தமுள்ளது ? "

Detection of prohibition offences by regular police.

* 369 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any special training is being given to the regular police along with the prohibition force for detecting prohibition offences; and

(*b*) the amount of public money spent for this?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) No special training is being given to the regular police along with the prohibition force, for detecting prohibition offences. The regular police are given general instructions in the detection of prohibition offences and they are also taught the Prohibition Act.

" (*b*) No additional expenditure is incurred as there is no special training."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" What is the necessity to give such instructions to them? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Such instructions were given so that they may effectively check Prohibition cases."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" மருந்து சாமான்களுக்காக வாங்கியுள்ள லைசன்ஸை வைத்துக்கொண்டு சரக்குகளை வாங்கி அவைகளை மதுபானங்களாக மாற்றி உபயோகப்படுத்தப்படுவதை கண்டு பிடிப்பதற்கு போலீஸ்காரர்களுக்குப் பிரத்யேக பயிற்சி அளிப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் முன் வருவார்களா ? "

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The hon. Member is giving very many details about this. I wish he passes over this information to the department so that proper action may be taken."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" What is the immediate cause for the transfer of this work from the Prohibition Department to the Police Department? Are we to understand that the Prohibition Department has completely failed?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir. This is not a sudden process. Already, the Police officers have been attending to Prohibition work in a majority of districts. We wanted to find out whether it will be possible to work the scheme with the regular police without having a special department. In view of the success of the working by the police in other districts, we are introducing it in the districts where there has been a special department so far."

Construction of a road between Devadanampettai and Kanakkancuppam.

* 370 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the road between Devadanampettai and Kanakkancuppam for a distance of about two miles has not yet been formed; and

(*b*) if so, when it will be formed?

THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—" (*a*) The stretch between Devadanampettai and Kanakkancuppam is part of the road from Alampoondy to Melavantagal. This stretch is in a bad state.

" (*b*) The District Board will improve the stretch as early as possible."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" We are requesting the District Board for the past twenty years. But the District Board has not taken any steps so far. Will the Government instruct the District Board to take up this work immediately?"

THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—" Sir, once the road was formed but it was not properly maintained. Therefore, it has deteriorated. Now, the Special Officer has written that he will look into it and see that the road is repaired as early as possible."

Closure of gruel centres.

* 371 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the gruel centre at Madras as well as in the famine-stricken areas in other districts will be continued after the 1st April 1954 ; and